GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INQUIRY INTO THE AIRBUS 300 AIRCRAFT
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rear right wheel of Airbus 300 aircraft caught fire on landing at the Calcutta Airport on November 25, 2000 endangering the lives of 219 passengers on board;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the incident;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether another jet airways Boeing 737-A with 109 passengers and crew skidded off the runway last week;

(e) if so, whether the matter has also been enquired into; and

(f) if so, the way in which the Government propose to deal with the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) An Indian Airlines A-300 aircraft was involved in a brake jamming incident at Calcutta on 25.11.2000 during which smoke/fire was observed from the right hand landing gear bogie. The aircraft was stopped on the taxi track after clearing the runway. the engines were shut down and all the 218 persons on board, including crew members, were deplaned in a normal manner. At no stage, there was any danger perceived to the lives of the passengers and crew members on board.

(b) & (c) The incident is under investigation by the Permanent Investigation Board of Indian Airlines in association with Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

(d) On 14.11.2000, Jet Airways Boeing-737 aircraft on a flight from Calcutta to Guwahati was turning to line up for take-off on the runway of Calcutta airport. The aircraft swerved off to the right during the turn and went off the right edge of the runway.

(e) The incident is under investigation by the Airline.

(f) Does not arise.